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SUBJECTPRESS SUMMARY, JULY 18

1. NYT EDITORIAL "RENDEZVOUS IN SPACE". WELCOME WORDS OF SOVIET-AMERICAN COOPERATION AND FRIENDSHIP WOULD BECOME MORE CREDIBLE IF MORE WERE DONE TO BRING ORDINARY CITIZENS IN FRIENDLY HUMAN CONTACT. BUT SPACE ACHIEVEMENT IS MEMORABLE AND MAGNIFICENT. (HEAVY FRONT PAGE COVERAGE OF SOYUZ CONTINUES IN ALL PAPERS)

2. SUN (PAGE 2) "U.S. SHUNS SOVIET TALKS BEFORE DIEGO GARCIA EXPANSION", ARTICLE BY CHARLES CORDDRY, DATELINED WASHINGTON, SAYS THAT FORD ADMINISTRATION HAD REJECTED TALKS WITH RUSSIA ON ARMS LIMITATION IN INDIAN OCEAN PRIOR TO EXPANSION OF U.S. NAVAL FACILITIES AT DIEGO GARCIA ACCORDING TO SENATOR CULVER (D. IOWA), WHO IS OPPOSED.

3. WP (PAGE 22) "SOMALIA'S SCIENTIFIC SOCIALISM: A BIT SOVIET BUT STILL AFRICAN" DATELINE MOGADISHU BY DUSKO DODER. SOMALIA SEEMS AWARE THAT EXTENDING RIGHTS TO SOVIETS TO OPERATE FACILITIES AT BERBERA IS PRICE THEY UNCLASSIFIED

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4. NYT (PAGE 31) "DR. IKLE RAISES A PROBLEM," COMMENTARY BY TOM WICKER. WRITER AGREES THAT DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION ON MONITORING PROCEDURES MIGHT CAUSE GRAVE AND IRREPARABLE PROBLEMS, BUT OPPOSES A LEGISLATIVE SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM.

5. WP STEPHEN ROSENFELD COLUMN DISCUSSES U.S.-SOVIET SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGE AND JOINT PROJECTS AND CONCLUDES THAT THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE REAL PROGRESS.

6. WP (PAGE 2) "FORD ACTS TO MEET AUTHOR." REPORTS RON NESSEN STATEMENT THAT EFFORTS ARE UNDER WAY TO ARRANGE PRESIDENTIAL MEETING WITH SOLZHENITSYN WHO REPORTED TO BE PERPLEXED BY CONTROVERSY, IS PLEASED BY RECEPTION IN THE U.S., NEVER EXPECTED TO SEE THE PRESIDENT SINCE HE IS A WRITER, NOT A POLITICIAN. KISSINGER

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